

O. F. MÜLLER: EFTERRETNING OM UBEKIENDTE EEN-ØYER I VORE FÆRSKE VANDE, *KIØBENHAVNSKE EFTERRETNINGER OM LÆRDE SAGER*. II. HÆFTE (52), 28 DEC. 1769, ETC.: A WORK PROPOSED FOR THE OFFICIAL INDEX OF REJECTED AND INVALID WORKS IN ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE Z.N.(S.) 1797

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The aim of the present proposal is to avoid the unnecessary and disturbing change in the year of publication of the names of some important Crustacea Entomostraca. The work cited in the title is extremely rare. There are three editions of it:

- (a) Efterretning om ubekjendte Een-Øyer i vore færske Vand. — *Kjøbenhavnske Efterretninger om lærde sager*. II. Hæfte. Nr. 52. 28de Decbr., 1769.
- (b) Efterretning om ubekjendte Een-Øyer i vore færske Vand. — *Kritisk Journal*, København. Nr. 3. 1770.
- (c) A translation into Latin: *Monoculi Aquarum agri Fridrichsdalensis*. — *Gazette Littéraire de Berlin*. 1770.

2. As early as in 1878 C. C. A. Gosch wrote in his list of Danish zoological literature that he was able to trace the third paper only from the Royal Library in Berlin, and only the first of these papers has been accessible to me.

3. The papers have all been completely forgotten in scientific literature, and are in themselves hardly to be characterized as scientific in aim. The names *Cythere* (p. 849), *Lynceus* (p. 850), *Cyclops* (p. 851) and *Polyphemus* (p. 851) are mentioned, but without figures and with very poor descriptions from which it is impossible with certainty to recognize the animals in question. There is no indication, moreover, that the names there used were transposed by O. F. Müller when, some years later, he published them again: *Cythere: Entomostraca seu Insecta testacea quæ in Aquis Daniæ et Norvegiæ reperit, descripsit et Iconibus illustravit*. — Havnix p. 63. *Polyphemus*: *ibid* p. 118. *Lynceus: Zoologiae Danicæ Prodromus*. — Havnix 1776 p. 199. *Cyclops*: *ibid*. p. 200.

4. The existence of the first of these papers has been known to me for quite some time, and I have always found it completely unsuitable as a reference work for the description of important genera, but as my attention now has been called to the possibility that somebody finding it may attempt to change the adopted reference of O. F. Müller, 1785 and 1776 to O. F. Müller, 1769 for these four genera, I consider it better hereby to propose that the International Commission

- (1) use its plenary powers to suppress the following papers by O. F. Müller:
 - (a) Efterretning om ubekjendte Een-Øyer i vore færske Vand. — *Kjøbenhavnske Efterretninger om lærde Sager*. II. Hæfte. Nr. 52. 28 de Decbr. 1769.
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(2) place the papers suppressed under (1) above on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Works in Zoological Nomenclature.

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Dr. U. Røen has shown me his application for the preservation of the name *Lynceus* and *Cyclops* as of O. F. Müller, 1776, and *Cythere* and *Polyphemus* of O. F. Müller, 1785. I am convinced that Dr. Røens proposals will serve stability in these names and I therefore agree with him in asking for the suppression of the papers he enumerates.